



## Overview

**Table 25**

### **Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Population Group, 2006**

- In 2006, law enforcement agencies nationwide collectively cleared 44.3 percent of violent crimes and 15.8 percent of property crimes.
- Of the violent crimes, law enforcement agencies nationwide cleared 60.7 percent of murder offenses, 40.9 percent of forcible rapes, 25.2 percent of robberies, and 54.0 percent of aggravated assaults.
- Of the property crimes, law enforcement agencies nationwide cleared 12.6 percent of burglary offenses, 17.4 percent of larceny-thefts, and 12.6 percent of motor vehicle thefts.
- In 2006, law enforcement agencies nationwide cleared 18.0 percent of arson offenses.
- Of the six city population groups, law enforcement agencies in the Nation's smallest cities, those with less than 10,000 inhabitants, had the highest percentage of clearances for violent crimes—57.7 percent.
- Agencies with populations of 10,000 to 24,999 cleared 73.6 percent of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters, the highest percentage of murders cleared of the six city population groups.
- The highest percentage of robbery clearances (35.3 percent) were reported in cities with populations of less than 10,000 inhabitants.